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Making Friends and Finding Yourself at UConn

WELCOME! We will begin at 8:00 a.m.

1. Please MUTE your microphone.
2. Introduce yourself in the chat. Please tell us your name and where you are joining from.

July 12, 2022



Agenda

- Student Activities and Getting Involved at UConn: Storrs and Stamford Campus experiences
- ISSS Grad Buddy Program
- UConn Badminton Club
- UConn Toastmasters
- Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA)
- Hartford Campus Student Activities Video

Upcoming Webinars

<https://issu.uconn.edu/webinars/>

View meeting information, recorded past webinars, and presentation slides.

July 19 - Information for International Graduate Assistants



ISSS New Student Webinars

1888 Orientation Events 1888 New Student Webinars Orientation for Visiting Scholars

Submit a Question in Advance for the ISSS New Student Webinar ☺

April 5, 2022 8:00 am-9:00 am

New Student Webinar: How to Accept Admission and Request Your Form I-20/DS-2019

Welcome new Huskies! Join staff from Admissions, The Graduate School and the International Student & Scholar Services to learn the steps you must take to finalize your admission with UConn and what you need to do to request your form I-20 and start the process to apply for your student visa.

Review Slides Here: [Next Steps for New Admits \(I-20 Request Webinar for Fall 2022\) 04-05-2022](#) [\[pdf\]](#)

Review Helpful Links and Resources Here: [Next Steps for New Admits \(Links and Contact Information\) 04-05-2022](#) [\[pdf\]](#)



May 10, 2022 8:00 am-9:00 am

New Student Webinar: Immigration Procedures and Applying for Your Visa

Welcome new Huskies! Join ISSS for a webinar for new international students coming to UConn for fall 2022 all about applying for your visa and arriving in the U.S. Meet staff from International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) and current UConn international students to learn about the steps needed to apply for your student visa.

Review Slides Here: [New Student Webinar - Immigration Procedures \(11-02-2021\)](#) [\[pdf\]](#)

Join Here: <https://uconnvdc.webex.com/uconnvdc.php?MTID=mbeb042b80e931ba07305ce332a20e85> ☺

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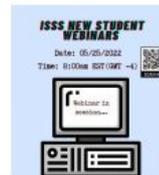
May 25, 2022 8:00 am-9:00 am

New Student Webinar: Finding Housing at UConn

Welcome new Huskies! Join ISSS for a webinar for new international students coming to UConn for fall 2022 all about finding housing. Meet staff from UConn Residential Life and Off-campus Student Services. Learn how to apply for on-campus housing, how roommates are selected and what you need to do to live on-campus for fall 2022. Looking for an apartment/off-campus? Off-campus Student Services will discuss strategies for finding housing, finding a roommate and identifying apartments close to campus or the UConn bus line.

Review Slides Here: [New Student Webinar - Finding Housing 11_9_2021](#) [\[pdf\]](#)

Join Here: <https://uconnvdc.webex.com/uconnvdc.php?>



Hello!

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ISSS Storrs**



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ISSS Storrs**



**Huong Pham, ISSS
Storrs**



Hello!

Miguel Colón
Student Activities - Storrs



Shona Evans
Student Activities- Stamford



Student Activities- Storrs Campus



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THE MISSION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Department of Student Activities enriches the intellectual, ethical, and social development of our students by engaging them in community involvement and leadership opportunities. We are committed to providing excellent programs and services that promote student self-governance, respect for diversity, civic responsibility, and life-long learning.



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Areas in Student Activities

- ❖ Community Outreach Programs
- ❖ Leadership and Organizational Development
- ❖ Major Events and Programs
- ❖ Fraternity and Sorority Development
- ❖ Trustee Student Organization Support
- ❖ Business Services

Student Activities is located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union. Please stop by room 307 and someone will assist or direct you to the different areas.

Community Service

Types of Programs:

Semester Long programs

- Education
- Health
- Social

Alternative Break Programs

- International & Domestic

One-Time Events and Programs

Democracy & Political
Engagement and Dialogues

<https://communityoutreach.uconn.edu/>
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Leadership Development

- Certificate Series
 - Workshop series
 - Last 9 weeks
 - Can be combined or done on their own
 - Certificate upon completion

<https://leadership.uconn.edu/>



Major Events

- HUSKY WOW (starts August 26)
- <https://huskywow.uconn.edu/>
- LATE NIGHT
- FAMILY WEEKEND
- TRIPS & ROADSHOWS
- HUSKYTHON
- SPRING WEEKEND



Student Orgs

- 750 Student Orgs
- ~85 @ regionals
- 22 Categories
- 3000 Student Org Leaders
- 15,000 Student Org Members

<https://ucontact.uconn.edu/>





- Academic Business, Healthcare, STEM
- Activism & Advocacy
- Club Sports Teams
- Culture & Community
- Dance, Vocal, Music Performance
- Environment & Agriculture
- Greek Fraternities & Sororities
- Health & Wellness
- Honors
- Learning Communities
- Military
- Political Interest
- Religion & Spirituality
- Service
- Sports and Gaming
- Student Governance, Campus Media, Programming
- Tech Building & Design



Fraternities & Sororities

- 12 Men's Fraternities
- 15 Intercultural Greek F/S
- 4 Historically African American F/S
- 9 Women's Sororities

<https://greeklife.uconn.edu/>

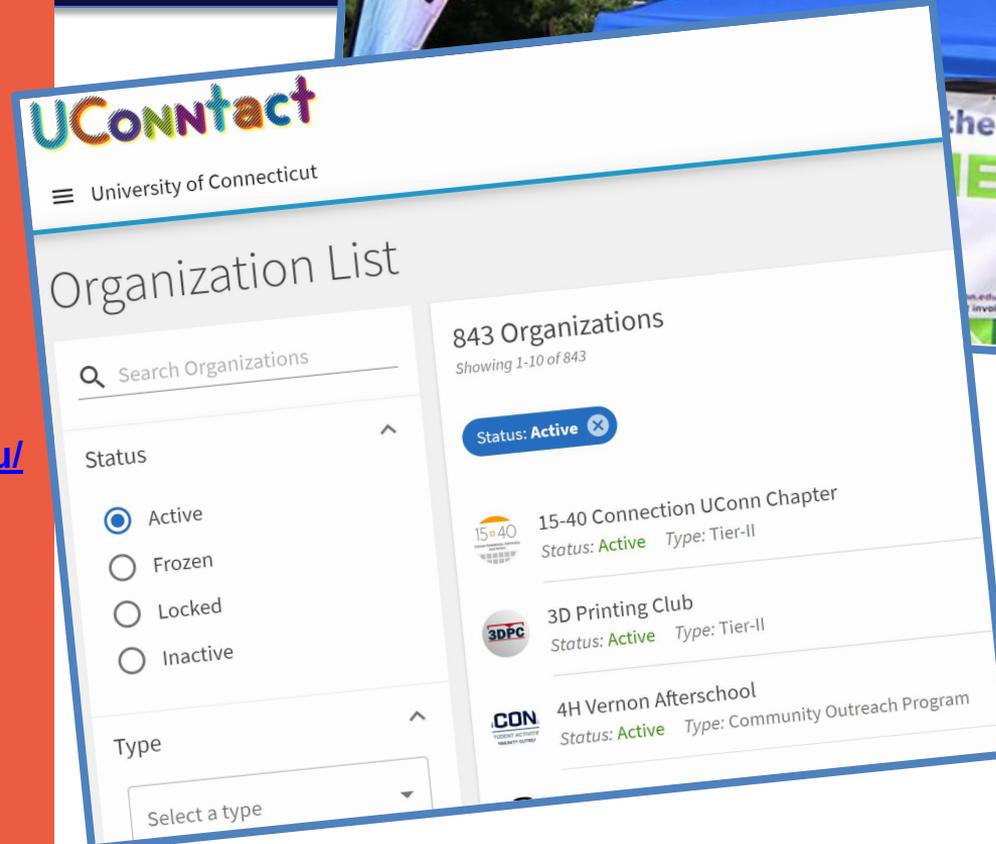
FIND ORGS:

INVOLVEMENT FAIR

- 2nd Wednesday Each Semester (Fall-Sept. 7)
- 500+ groups/programs to talk with

UCONTACT:

- <https://ucontact.uconn.edu/>



The screenshot displays the UConn UContact website interface. At the top, the UConn logo and 'University of Connecticut' are visible. Below is the 'Organization List' section, which includes a search bar and a filter for 'Status: Active'. The list shows three organizations:

Organization	Status	Type
15-40 Connection UConn Chapter	Active	Tier-II
3D Printing Club	Active	Tier-II
4H Vernon Afterschool	Active	Community Outreach Program

The background of the slide features a photograph of an 'INVOLVEMENT FAIR' tent at UConn, with a banner that reads 'INVOLVEMENT AT UCONN' and 'UCONTACT.UCONN.EDU'.



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Student Activities Stamford Campus

On Campus

- Student organizations
- Leadership opportunities
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Campus traditions
- Intramural Sports

Off Campus

- Downtown Stamford
- Mill River Park
- Harbor Point
 - Trolley
- Stamford YMCA
- Metro North

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Graduate Student Opportunities

On Campus

- Student organizations
 - Graduate Business Association
 - Toastmasters International
 - UConn Graduate Consulting
 - UConn Net Impact, Graduate Chapter
 - Graduate Entrepreneurship Society
 - Graduate Finance Association
- Case Competitions
- Cultural Events
 - Diwali
 - Chinese New Year
 - Holi
 - ...and more...



Graduate Student Opportunities

Off Campus

- Arts & Entertainment
- Food & Drink
- Sporting Events
- Outdoor Activities
- Professional and Recreational Meetups



For more information visit:

- Hartford.com
- Stamford-downtown.com

Husky One Card offers discounts at some local partners.



Student Activities Hartford Campus

- <https://events.uconn.edu>, choose Hartford campus calendar
- Hartford Today Digest
- <https://parking-upass.uconn.edu/>
- <https://Hartford.com>

Questions:
hartford.studentactivities@uconn.edu



ISSS Grad Buddy Program

- New international students can connect with other UConn students via a variety of mentorship programs: <https://iss.uconn.edu/getinvolved/>
- ISSS Grad Buddy program is a new program coordinated by ISSS <https://iss.uconn.edu/grad-buddy-program/>
- ISSS matches current UConn student “Buddies” with new international students to ease transition to life as a UConn graduate student
- **Program Details:**
 - Buddies will be paired with up to 3 new international graduate students
 - New student applications are accepted until **July 1, 2022**. The link to the application can be found on the ISSS website: <https://iss.uconn.edu/grad-buddy-program/>

ISSS Grad Buddy Program

- Buddy expectations:
 - Attend a ISSS Grad Buddy virtual orientation
 - Reach out to their new student(s) once before they arrive to the U.S.
 - Meet with their new student(s) at least three times during the Fall semester (attending events together is encouraged)
- New student expectations:
 - Meet with your Buddy three times during the semester
 - Be responsive to and respect your Grad Buddy's time and effort
 - Notify your Grad Buddy and the ISSS if your situation changes and you no longer wish to participate in the program

ISSS Grad Buddy Program

Upcoming events this Fall 2022 semester:

- **Grad Buddy Meet and Greet** on Friday, Sept. 2nd, 6-7:30pm
- CISS Boston Trip on Sunday, Sept. 4, 9am-10pm from Storrs campus
- CISS Fall Ice-skating on Sunday, Sept. 11, in the afternoon
- **Grad Buddy Social:** Hot Cocoa and S'mores on Friday, October 12, 3-4:30pm
- **Grad Buddy Appreciation:** Pizza and Board Games on Friday, Dec. 9, 6-7:30pm

ISSS Grad Buddy Program

Similar Programs for Undergraduate Students

- Huskies International-Husky Mates program pairs international students with domestic students to personalize and improve each individual's experience at UConn
<https://ucontact.uconn.edu/organization/huskiesinternational>
- Cross Cultural Connections: Cross Cultural Connections is a program through UConn Community Outreach to pair international students with domestic students as conversation partners, to share cultures and practice English.
<https://ucontact.uconn.edu/organization/cocconnections>
- Asian/Asian American Mentoring Program (AMP): AMP is an award winning peer-education program through UConn's Asian American Cultural Center to help incoming Asian and Asian American students adjust to their first year on campus.
<https://asacc.uconn.edu/programs/asiantation-mentoring-program-amp/>

ISSS Grad Buddy Program



Questions?

Please contact

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UConn Badminton Club



- No experience required, welcome to casual and competitive alike!
- Club meetings every Saturday @ the Rec
 - Rackets and feathered birdies provided to members
 - Come play for fun, make friends, and improve!
- Team tryouts beginning of semester, more details later
 - We travel to tournaments in Boston and other locations
 - Scrimmages with other schools
- Check us out on
 - UContact: <https://ucontact.uconn.edu/organization/uconnbadminton>
 - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/uconnbadminton/?hl=en>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UConnBadminton/>
- Email us at ubchuskies@gmail.com

UConn Toastmasters Club



- Open for all. Great experience for International students
- Club meetings every Tuesday @ GBLC504
- Activity
 - Table Topic
 - 2 minute speech
- Pathway -
 - Leadership
 - Communication
 - Management
 - Public Speaking
 - Confidence
- Email us at uconntmhusky@gmail.com
- Website - <https://www.toastmasters.org/>

Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA)

Mid-Autumn and Spring Festival



Important Upcoming Dates

- **Tuesday, 7/19/2022**- ISSS New Student Webinar: Information for International Graduate Assistants
- **Monday, 8/01/2022**- Deadline to pay fee bill for Undergraduate students
- **Sunday, 8/07/2022**- Early move in date for new international graduate students living on campus at Storrs
- **Saturday, 8/20/2022**- New Student Move In Date for undergraduate and graduate students living on campus at Storrs
- **Monday, 8/22/2022**- International Graduate Student Orientation

Questions



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